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Jane Henney, MD
Commissioner
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5600 Fishers Lane
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RE: Antibiotics as "growth promoters"

Dear Commissioner Henney:

As a physician, I would like to express my deep apprehension over the failure of the FDA to ban the use of low-level antibiotics for "growth promotion" in chickens and livestock. I don't have to tell you about the pervasive problems of drug-resistance, both in and out of hospital, affecting the quality and expense of medical care.

Profits for huge meat producers cannot trump health. I urge your expeditious action on the petition of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dan Silver", followed by a large, stylized flourish or "D" shape.

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